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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Ferree

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For: METHOD OF TREATING DISC HERNIATION AND DISC DEGENERATION WITH
CONCENTRATED GROWTH AND DIFFERENTIATION FACTORSRESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 14, 2003, referring to an earlier Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2002, Applicant hereby elects the species of "O" (BMP-1) for further prosecution of the above-referenced application. Applicant also makes the following amendments to the claims:

IN THE CLAIMS:*Please replace current claim 5 with the following:*

B1 5. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the factor injected into the spinal canal or disc is a transforming growth factor.

Please add new claims 6-7 as follows:

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the factor injected into the spinal canal or disc is an interleukin.

B2 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the factor injected into the spinal canal or disc is a bone morphogenic protein.